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PREFACE

THE following is not in any sense a complete catalogue of books on the subjects included, but is merely suggested as a list of books with which the educated Catholic should be acquainted. These books are not at all technical and will be found easily comprehensible by beginners in the various fields represented.

The books are grouped under the following headings: Worship, Philosophy and Doctrine, History, The Church and Science, The Church and the Social Order. The numbers following each book are the call numbers in the Yale Library and are inserted for the convenience of Yale students.

The Catholic Encyclopedia. (N.Y., R. Appleton, 1907-17, 16 vols.)

A scholarly and definitive collection of articles on secular and Church history, literature, dogma, ethics, liturgy, science, and the lives of important men and women, whether Catholic or not. A mine of information and should be consulted before reading other books on subjects treated. Bibliographies are appended to all the more important articles.

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WORSHIP

1. The Visible Church. John Francis Sullivan. (N. Y., Henry Herder, 1920.)

A thorough-going explanation of all the rites, ritual, and symbolism used in the Catholic Church. A rearrangement of *The Externals of the Catholic Church*, by the same author.

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2. The Mass. Adrian Fortescue. (N. Y., Longmans, 1917.)

The congregation at every Mass is bidden by the celebrant to pray "that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God." Educated Catholics can best fulfil this injunction by the Church's own prayers, as contained in the Missal, throughout the year's liturgical cycle. As a supplement to this, Dr. Fortescue's account of the Holy Sacrifice's historical development should be a powerful aid to interest and devotion.

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PHILOSOPHY AND DOCTRINE

3. The God of Philosophy. Francis Aveling, D.D. (London, Catholic Truth Society. 2d ed., 1914.)

"Faith presupposes natural knowledge," says St. Thomas Aquinas, and the Vatican Council declares that "right reason demonstrates the bases of faith." That these bases are no mere instincts or emotions, but solid arguments, to dissent from which is to commit intellectual suicide, is lucidly and forcefully shown in this little book by a priest who is also a scientist.

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4. Primitive Catholicism. Pierre Batiffol. (N. Y., Longmans, 1920.)

A leading French scholar's account of the beginnings of our religion, proving that the earliest Christianity was essentially not a mere philosophy but a revelation and a church.

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5. The Religion of the Plain Man. Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson. (London, Burns & Oates, 1910.)

The story, told with the author's characteristic vigor and picturesqueness, of how a sincere non-Catholic gradually discovered in the Church a more and more perfect fulfilment of the New Testament Christianity which he sought.

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6. Christ in the Church. (N. Y., Longmans, 1911.) Paradoxes of Catholicism (N. Y., Longmans, 1913). Both by R. H. Benson.

Brilliant sermons by one of the most effective preachers of his day. Their originality springs from a vivid realization of aspects of the Church, too often neglected.

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Paradoxes, 8.99

7. Non-Catholic Denominations. R. H. Benson, (London, Longmans, 1910.)

An uncontroversial exposition of the doctrines and characteristics of the various Protestant bodies in England. Much of its information is equally applicable to American conditions.

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8. God and the Supernatural. Ed. by Father Cuthbert. (N. Y., Longmans, 1920.)

Essays on vital elements of Catholic theology by a group of English university men, priests, and laymen. This attempt to "restate" dogma, without any falsification or minimizing, in terms comprehensible to the educated man of today, though not always entirely lucid, is a most interesting one. The essays on the whole are valuable as well as eloquent.

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9. Psychology. Michael Maher, S.J.
(N.Y., Longmans, 1900.)

Students who know only a "psychology without a soul" should find Father Maher's textbook absorbingly interesting. Rejecting the modern endeavor to keep psychology and philosophy in separate water-tight compartments, the author proceeds, after a thorough consideration of empirical scientific data, to the exposition of the scholastic doctrine of the soul. He shows that this concept, rightly understood, is capable of explaining the facts in a manner far more satisfactory than the attempts at solution offered by materialism and parallelism.

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10. Scholastic Philosophy. Désiré F. F. J. Mercier. (London, Kegan Paul, 1916-17, 2 vols.)

Before receiving his pallium, Cardinal Mercier was professor of philosophy at Louvain University. These lectures discuss the philosophic problems of today in relation to the neo-scholastic philosophy which Leo XIII ordered to be taught in all Catholic centers of education.

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11. History of Philosophy. William Turner. (Boston, Ginn, 1903.)

The Bishop of Buffalo's admirable manual is particularly interesting because of its treatment of medieval philosophy in a manner proportionate to

the importance of the Middle Ages in the history of human thought. The systems of the great scholastics are here epitomized with clearness and penetration.

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12. Reality and Truth. John G. Vance.
(N. Y., Longmans, 1917.)

An interesting defence of Philosophic Realism, written in a wholly non-technical style, with special reference to the Kantian epistemology.

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13. The Problem of Reunion. Leslie J. Walker, S.J. (N.Y., Longmans, 1920.)

The prevalence of an earnest desire for Christian Unity was brought home to the author during his services as a chaplain in the British army. The book contains, besides an exhaustive discussion of the problem, an excellent treatment of the Church's attitude towards Scripture and a keen analysis of the differences between the Catholic and Protestant points of view, with special reference to the relations of doctrine and morals.

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HISTORY

14. Europe and the Faith. Hilaire Belloc.
(N. Y., The Paulist Press, 1920.)

A well-known historian's account of the relations between European Civilization and the Church, as heir to the Roman Empire. The author's arraign-

ment of the Reformation has of course been severely criticized by non-Catholics and few scholars would agree with his minimizing of Saxon influence in England. But the whole book is a brilliant and suggestive defiance of the nineteenth century's worship of Germanic influences in general and Protestantism in particular.

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15. The Key to the World's Progress.
Charles S. Devas. (N. Y., Longmans,
1912.)

A popular and interesting presentation of the influence played by the Catholic Church upon European history. It contains many valuable historical data.

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16. Breaking with the Past. Francis Aidan
Gasquet, O.S.B. (N.Y., Kenedy, 1914.)

In this series of lectures, Cardinal Gasquet presents with great conciseness the facts of the English Reformation.

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For works on the subject of the English Reformation, the following books are of the greatest value to beginners:

17. Henry VIII and the English Monasteries, by Cardinal Gasquet. (London, Bell & Sons, 1906.)

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18. Edward VI and the Book of Common Prayer, by Cardinal Gasquet and Edmund Bishop. (London, J. Hodges, 1891.)

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19. England and the Catholic Church under Queen Elizabeth. Arnold O. Meyer. Translated by J. R. McKee. (St. Louis, Herder, 1916.)

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The article on the Church of England in the *Catholic Encyclopedia* is of great value and should be consulted. It contains an excellent bibliography for reference.

20. Luther. Hartmann Grisar. (St. Louis, Herder, 1913-17, 6 vols.)

The most complete and scholarly life of the great German Reformer, an acknowledged authority by Catholic and Protestant alike. No student of Luther should ignore this book. The material, although presented in a dispassionate and impartial manner, is a monumental vindication of the Catholic Church.

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21. A Guildsman's Interpretation of History. Arthur J. Penty. (London, Allen Unwin, 1920.)

By one of the group of English writers whose economic ideals are avowedly medieval, and who

form part of the larger "Renaissance of Medievalism" in which Chesterton, Belloc, and Cram are leaders. Mr. Penty is particularly sane and stimulating in his championship of the Middle Ages. He stresses perhaps excessively the evil consequences of the revival of the Roman Law, but his conclusions in general are those of a rarely keen mind operating on well-mastered historical data.

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22. The Inquisition. Elphège Vacandard.
(N. Y., Longmans, 1908.) New ed.,
1915.

An abridgment of the French edition. The ecclesiastical institution which has been the favorite target for controversial denunciation is described with entire accuracy and candor. The conclusions of Dr. Henry C. Lea are subjected to considerable criticism.

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THE CHURCH AND SCIENCE

23. Thoughts of a Catholic Anatomist. Dr.
Thomas G. Dwight. (N.Y., Longmans,
1911.)

This little book deals solely with the question of evolution. It is highly valuable as summing up the conclusions of an eminent physician, for many years professor at the Harvard Medical School, who was also a devout Catholic.

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24. The Beginnings of Science. Edward J. Menge. (Boston, Badger, 1918.)

Presents in more concise form much of the material covered by Sir Bertram Windle. Dr. Menge exposes the assumptions of materialism with relentless logic, gives an excellent *résumé* of the present state of evolutionary theory, and stresses the growing importance of the vitalistic school of evolutionists, whose conclusions imply a theistic conception of the Universe.

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25. The Popes and Science. Dr. James J. Walsh. (N. Y., Fordham University Press, 1915.)

A historical work, in which the fable of papal opposition to science, as recounted with more fervor than accuracy in the widely circulated books of Professors Draper and Andrew D. White, is ably refuted by a specialist in the history of medicine. Documentary sources, difficult to find elsewhere, supplement these illuminating scholarly essays.

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26. The Church and Science. Sir Bertram C. A. Windle. (St. Louis, Herder. 2d ed., 1917.)

After some attention to the subject's historical aspect, the author discusses the nature of matter, the origin of the universe, primitive man, and the problem of evolution, showing the necessity of dis-

tinguishing the philosophic opinions of scientists from the proven facts of science, and discussing the relations of both to Catholic teaching in a manner doctrinally sound and scientifically authoritative.

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The above are, for the general reader, the best discussions of the Church's relations to science. Those wishing to consult a more elaborate technical discussion of Evolution from the standpoint of a Catholic scientist should read 6. *Modern Biology and the Theory of Evolution*, by Erich Wasmann, S.J. (St. Louis, Herder, 1910.) This book contains an interesting account of the author's controversy with Haeckel.

THE CHURCH AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

27. *Backgrounds for Social Workers*. Edward J. Menge. (Boston, Badger, 1918.)

Shows the necessity of sound ethical principles for those confronted with questions such as eugenics, birth control, and others in which both sociology and religion are involved.

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28. *The Church and Labor*. Ed. by Frs. John A. Ryan and Joseph C. Husslein, S.J. (N. Y., Macmillan, 1920.)

A timely collection of ecclesiastical pronouncements on Catholic social principles, chiefly inspired

by the great encyclical of Leo XIII *On the Condition of the Working Classes*. To these documents the editors have added studies of the social apostolate of Ozanam and Bishop von Ketteler, also important essays on *A Living Wage*, *The Reconciliation of Capital and Labor*, and *A Catholic Social Platform*.

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THE EASTERN CHURCHES

For the position of the Orthodox Churches of the East, the following books are the best for beginners, and are of exceptional interest:

29. *The Orthodox Eastern Church*. Adrian Fortescue. (London, Cath. Truth Society, 1916.)

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30. *The Lesser Eastern Churches*. Adrian Fortescue. (London, Cath. Truth Society, 1914.)

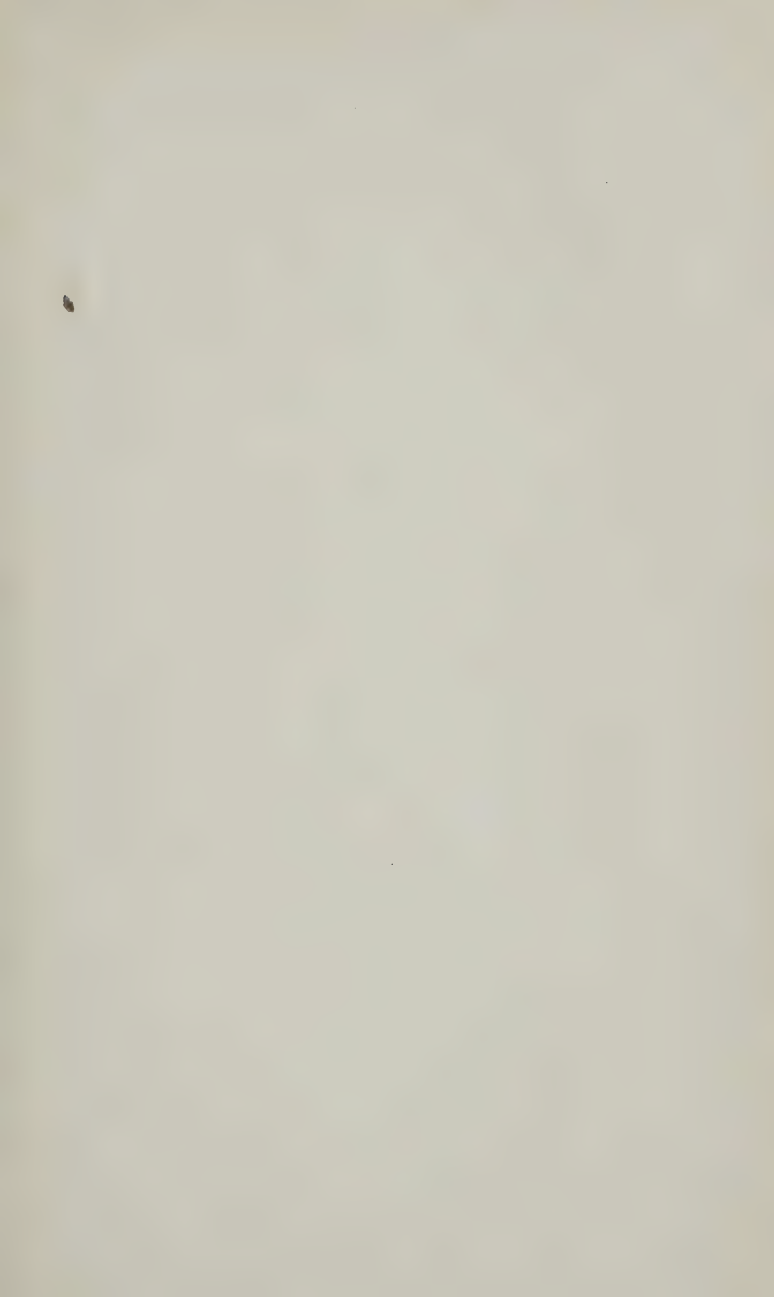
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31. *The Churches Separated from Rome*. Louis M. O. Duchesne. (N. Y., Benziger, 1907.)

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